



08 March 2022

MEMORANDUM

**FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA REGION**

**FROM : The Regional Director
EMB MIMAROPA REGION**

**SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE REQUEST OF LIO
TOURISM ESTATE REGARDING THE SUSPENSION OF SOME
MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THEIR
OPERATIONS**

The undersigned would like to request from your good Office for comments and recommendations on the request of Ten Knots Philippines, Inc. – Lio Tourism Estate to **suspend** their Marine Benthic and Fish and Terrestrial Biodiversity monitoring activities. According to the letter received, said request is being made due to the effect of the pandemic on their business which forced their development and operations to be kept to a minimum.

For further reference, please be informed that the office of the undersigned denied the request to suspend the ambient air and ambient water monitoring activities as ambient monitoring is salient/vital part of the project and is crucial for this Office to assess the significant impact of the project vis-a-vis the ambient quality of the receiving environment.

As such, attached on this Memorandum is a copy of the request letter from the said establishment for perusal.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and consideration.


JOE AMIL M. SALINO



Feb 3, 2022

Joe Amil M. Salino
Regional Director
Region 4B – MIMAROPA
Environmental Management Bureau
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Subject: Request for Suspension of Monitoring Activities for Lio Tourism Estate

Dear RD Salino,

Greetings!

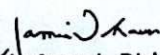
This is in line with Ten Knots Philippines, Inc. – Lio Tourism Estate's required environmental monitoring surveys under ECC# R4B-1607-0024. Even prior to the commencement of operations, our company has been diligently conducting the monitoring activities not only for compliance, but also to closely track our environmental impact. However, with tourism being one of the most hardly hit industries by the pandemic, our business is inevitably affected, with development and operations kept to a minimum. With this, we would like to kindly request from your good office to allow for a suspension of the following monitoring activities:

Survey	# of Monitoring Sites
Ambient air	5
Ambient water	12 (4 marine, 2 ground, 6 surface)
Marine benthic and fish	3 sites with 2 sub-sites each
Terrestrial biodiversity	Covers the whole Estate

Attached are results of the monitoring surveys dating as far back as 2016. It shows how monitoring sites are well within standard, especially for those where have direct control of (i.e. within the property, unaffected by any upstream/neighboring activities). If possible, we would like to request for approval to suspend monitoring activities for up to three (3) years to allow for business recovery, but will respect the expertise of your office in determining the maximum allowable suspension period.

Thank you and hoping for your kindest consideration.

Respectfully yours,


Jamie Anne L. Dichaves
Pollution Control Officer



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